

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  CITY OF MANILLA, MUNICIPAL GAS DEPARTMENT	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-16
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**ORDER EXTENDING FILING DEADLINE AND RESCHEDULING HEARING**

(Issued June 11, 2002)

On May 16, 2002, Utilities Board (Board) issued an order establishing a procedural schedule and setting a date for an evidentiary hearing in this docket. On June 4, 2002, the Board extended the filing date for prefiled testimony and stipulations until June 7, 2002. Complainants, Howard Ahrenholtz, Randy Ahrenholtz, Art Joens, Jay Miller, Terry Schechinger, and Marvin Vennink, have informed the Board that they will need additional time beyond June 7, 2002, to prepare and file the testimony of their expert witness. The request to extend the filing date will also require the rescheduling of the hearing set for June 12, 2002.

The Board will grant the extension requested by Complainants and will reschedule the hearing accordingly. To ensure that Complainants have sufficient time to prepare and file the testimony of their expert witness, the Board will extend the filing deadline until June 24, 2002. The Board will reschedule the hearing for July 24, 2002. In addition, the Board will schedule a prehearing conference to allow for discussion between the parties and Board staff. The prehearing will be scheduled for

July 9, 2002. The parties should be prepared to discuss the evidence in support of their respective positions at the prehearing.

The Board initially established a tight schedule in this matter, to allow it sufficient time to issue a decision before July 18, 2002, as required by 199 IAC 7.12. Since the Board has rescheduled the hearing at the request of one of the parties, it will waive the July 18, 2002, date for issuing an order. The Board will render a decision as soon as possible after the filing of briefs by the parties.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The date for filing prefiled testimony and agreements to the admissibility of previously filed information is extended from June 7, 2002, to June 24, 2002.
2. The hearing scheduled for June 12, 2002, is rescheduled to July 24, 2002, at 10 a.m.
3. The date for filing simultaneous briefs is rescheduled to July 31, 2002.
4. A prehearing conference is now scheduled for July 9, 2002, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3 at the Utilities Board's offices, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.